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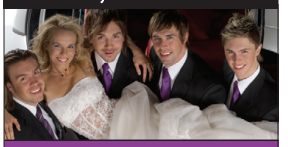
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Citytv cuts newscasts, employees

RESTRUCTURING Citytv will no longer produce local newscasts in Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton, and Toronto's will be severely gutted, after the company announced programming cuts and the elimination of about 60 jobs yesterday.

Citytv, owned by Rogers Communications Inc., announced it is restructuring television operations, cutting newscasts and jobs in cities across the country effective immediately.

There will also be job losses in Winnipeg.

Rogers said the restructuring is due to "shifting viewer patterns coupled with the overall state of the economy" in a statement yesterday.

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Marc Honorat gets a hug from two of his children yesterday at the Calgary International Airport after returning home from Haiti.

Father's homecoming

Calgary man returns from Haiti to pregnant wife, 3 kids

Haiti Crisis

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Hugs, tears and shouts of "daddy's home" greeted a Calgary father returning from Haiti after being caught in the devastating earthquake last week.

Lisa Honorat, her three children, and other family and friends anxiously awaited Marc Honorat's return from Haiti with mixed emotions as he flew in from Montreal on WestJet with students from Nelson, B.C.

"It's wonderful (to be home) because I didn't know if I was coming back."
Marc Honorat, humanitarian worker

Honorat was doing humanitarian work with the organization Haiti Arise when the earthquake hit, and he didn't think he would make it home to his three children and pregnant wife.

"It's wonderful (to be home) because I didn't know if I was coming back. It's really hard to explain, but I have never experienced anything like that before. I thought it was a bomb," he told reporters while holding his children.

"I didn't know where to run."

Honorat has conflicted feelings about returning home and vowed to return to Haiti as soon as he can after organizing relief in Canada.

"I didn't want to come back, but we are expecting a baby ... I'm looking forward to going back as soon as possible."

His wife is expecting their fourth child on Saturday, joining siblings Asher, 6, Miesha, 4, and Jasmine, almost two, who were all excited to see their father during the reunion.

"There are not words to describe it. Elated," Lisa said when asked how she felt about seeing her husband.

"I would have understood if he stayed because of the situation. I'm glad he will be here, but I know he'll have to go back as soon as he can and that's wonderful."

The group of B.C. students who were on a humanitarian mission in Haiti were sequestered onto a bus immediately after getting off the plane in Calgary at the request of the B.C. government, according to airport officials.

Cops probe suspicious death of teenager

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SOUTHWEST Police are investigating the suspicious death of a 17-year-old girl in a southwest home and confirmed it resulted in the second call to the home in one day.

Around 4:45 p.m. on Monday, police received a check-the-welfare call to the home in the 800 block of Canaveral Crescent SW. The teen was pronounced dead on the scene.

Neighbours reported witnessing a man taken out of the home on a stretcher a few hours earlier, and police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell confirmed EMS transported someone from the home to hospital.

Neighbour Tasha Walsh said the home houses the McInnes family, which consists of a mother, father, two sisters and a brother.

"They were a nice and quiet family. The girls were great and came over to babysit or shovel the sidewalks sometimes. This is shocking, it's really sad," she told Metro.

Friends and family of Brittney McInnes wrote messages to her yesterday as a Facebook tribute popped up, including "RIP Brittney, I'll raise a glass for you tonight" and "I can't believe that someone could do that to you."

No one has been charged yet and police continue to speak with the family.

An autopsy is scheduled for today.

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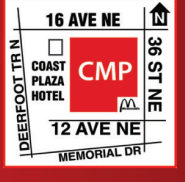

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Jump into The Fray

Popular mellow rockers The Fray are bringing their top 40 hits to Calgary at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on Feb. 20. The band, fronted by Isaac Slade, left, has had several popular hits featured on television shows Grey's Anatomy and Lost. Tickets go on sale at all Ticketmaster locations on Friday at 10 a.m. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

HEALTH A government-appointed committee is recommending that Alberta create its own health act and a patient charter. A key recommendation to be released today is the creation of an Alberta Health Act, a source says. The Alberta act would be "fully compliant with the Canada Health Act" and would simply merge several existing pieces of healthcare legislation that have not been updated for decades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lost fares may cost millions

Fare compliance steady as Calgary Transit ridership grows

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While fewer fares are being ticketed for catching free rides in transit fare zones, millions in unpaid fare revenue could still be slipping through the cracks.

According to information provided by Calgary Transit, tickets for fare evasion on transit numbered 10,210 in 2009, down from a 2006 peak of approximately 11,220. Ridership in the same period went from 89 million to roughly 96 million.

Brian Whitelaw, head of transit security, said fare evasion varies at different times of the day, with the highest being in the late evening, but the addition of more transit cops and their presence has kept the fare compliance rate at around 98 per cent.

"There's a certain point where obviously you're not going to get 100 per cent of the people paying — but we don't want the rate to fluctuate," said Whitelaw.

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While ridership is up substantially in the past three years, Calgary Transit says they've maintained roughly a 98 per cent fare compliance rate. But those lost fares may cost the city millions annually.

Targeted strategies, based on time of day and location — and making sure there is evenness in the application of those strategies — is part of maintaining a high compliance rate, Whitelaw said.

But, Ald. Andre Chabot said tickets alone don't indicate the number of passengers riding for free.

And, with a baseline two per cent fare evasion rate on 96 million annual rides, the lost revenue could be into the millions.

"It might be worthwhile to do a crackdown, and maybe over a period of time, just to see how accurate those numbers are," said Chabot. He added an analysis of lost revenue might offset the capital cost of turnstiles at locations outside downtown.

Transit is looking at other methods to reduce fare evasion, including improving fare access, Whitelaw said.

Catholic school board gauging interest for single-sex schools

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Private schools have two, the Calgary Board of Education has one, and now the Calgary Catholic School Board is looking into having one, too — if the interest is there.

The Catholic School Board held a parent information meeting this week to look into possible demand for an all-girls school and an all-boys school, according to spokesperson Janet Corsten.

"In 2007, we looked into if the interest was there and there didn't seem to be, and now, three years later, we thought we would revisit it," she said.

About 30 parents participated in a Monday night meeting. Corsten said there will be another parent meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Bishop Carroll High School.

Girls' schools

- Calgary Girls School, a private school, has two locations in the south end while the CBE has had the Alice Jamieson Girls' Academy since September 2003.

"We're engaging parents and getting a feel for the interest and what they have to say before moving forward with anything."

Marie Kraft, a Calgary mother of two, had some questions about the idea but said she prefers the traditional way of schooling.

"I don't mind having mixed classes. I think it's good for the kids to interact," she added.

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Man charged in Monday bank robbery

Police have charged a masked man who allegedly robbed the Royal Bank in the 5600 block of 4th St. NW on Monday afternoon. The man allegedly brandished what appeared to be a handgun, according to police. Police tracked the suspect with HAWCS. Abraham Gabrie faces numerous charges in relation to the incident. METRO CALGARY

Standby tows: Worth the cost?

Committee to discuss if plan makes sense at $636K for 1-year trial

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METRO CALGARY FILE PHOTO

Having standby tow trucks clearing incidents on major Calgary commuter routes during peak times could shave time off drivers' ride time — but it comes at a cost.

What's five, 10, or 15 minutes of the average Calgarian's time worth, while waiting on backed up city streets?

That's a question for today's Land Use, Planning and Transportation committee, where aldermen will discuss a report on having a standby tow truck service on major commuter arteries, at a one-year trial cost of $636,000.

Troy McLeod, the city's manager of traffic, said studies show commuters are generally OK with a regular commute time — what draws their ire is when that time is stretched due to traffic incidents.

"Having that (tow) service at critical locations around the city will ensure a more reliable system, not only for autos, but transit as well," McLeod said.

He added the city is contracted by the province to provide this service on Deerfoot Trail, and responds to 300 incidents annually.

Similar studies done on Glenmore Trail in November 2005 and May 2006 showed tow truck service saved between five and 30 minutes in response time to 18 incidents recorded during that time.

Ald. Ray Jones sees the tow service value, but has questions if the value is worth the cost to Calgary taxpayers — in both time and money.

"I know a lot of people in my area are saying, 'let's move traffic along a little quicker,' and if it takes tow trucks to do it — so be it," said Jones.

"But, when you provide an extra service, the service has to be paid for."

Employees find more pins at Co-Op

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Oakridge Co-Op

INVESTIGATION Employees at a southwest grocery store discovered more metal pins in products for sale yesterday morning after sweeping the store just the night before.

Oakridge Centre Calgary Co-Op employees scanned the store yesterday morning before the store opened after the store was closed for several hours Monday night.

"The employees conducted another check before the store opened and that's when they found pins pushed into plastic juice bottles," spokesperson Sarah Boutron said.

The store was scanned Monday night after first discovering pins in bakery and bulk items.

Co-Op is allowing customers to return items they bought over the last several days.

"We did have some customers bring items back because they are concerned, and we are totally understanding of that. We're very thankful for their patience."

The Calgary police service confirmed they are investigating the incidents but couldn't disclose details for investigative reasons.

Man in hospital after gunfire

SHOOTING Gunshots riddled the door of a truck in the city's southeast early yesterday morning, sending one man to hospital

Police were called to a collision and the report of several gunshots fired in the 3200 block of 31A Avenue SE at 2:35 a.m. yesterday.

Upon arrival police found the unoccupied truck, and later the driver, who District 4 Det. Gerard Brand later said was likely fleeing his attackers, and had circled back to police for assistance.

Brand said the investigation is still in its early stages and the victim, who is known to police, "has not been forthcoming."

Witness accounts have been very helpful, Brand said, and some noticed a vehicle leaving the scene, but are unsure if it was involved in the incident.

Police do not believe the attack was random.

The man remains in hospital in non-life-threatening condition, police said.

DARREN KRAUSE/METRO CALGARY

Calgary in brief

DEPORTATION A judicial review on one of the deportation orders of alleged Calgary gangster Jackie Tran will be allowed, deemed a federal court ruling yesterday. If the judicial review is successful, Tran could have another hearing before immigration officials. Tran faces two separate deportation orders.

MOST WANTED Investigators hope a recent TV broadcast of a three-year-old Canadian case on America's Most Wanted will help bring an Edmonton fugitive to justice. The arson-extortion case involves a young man who allegedly fled to the United States to avoid arrest after two houses were set on fire in Edmonton, along with a recreational property at a nearby resort. Christopher David Meer, 25, is wanted on outstanding warrants and police say he may have altered his appearance.

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Air travellers to the U.S. allowed carry-on bags
Ottawa is relaxing its rules for flying into the United States by allowing passengers to take one carry-on bag on the plane. The changes announced yesterday by Transport Minister John Baird take effect today at all Canadian airports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Source in terror case doubted

A lawyer for Mohamed Harkat, left, suggests Canada's spy agency had doubts about a source who supplied information on the terror suspect. During a Federal Court of Canada hearing yesterday, Norm Boxall raised the prospect that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had reason to question the source's credibility. The government is trying to deport the Algerian-born Harkat using a national-security certificate, a rarely employed immigration provision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A police officer talks to a woman in Montreal on Monday as hundreds of Haitian-Canadians crowded around a law office in the hope of fast-tracking their loved ones into Canada, only to be turned away after waiting up to seven hours. Yesterday they were back, still hoping to help relatives from Haiti.

Let Haitians in Canada: Groups

Haiti Crisis

FAMILIES Immigration advocates are pleading with the Canadian government to be more flexible in allowing evacuees arriving from quake-ravaged Haiti to be joined by their relatives.

A coalition of refugee and immigrant groups presented a number of requests yesterday for Ottawa to further relax its entry rules during the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

They delivered that lengthy list as distressed Haitian-Canadians continued massing outside the offices of immigration consultants in the desperate hope they might help get their loved ones here faster.

Advocates want the definition of who qualifies for family reunification to be broadened beyond the immediate household to include brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandparents.

They were asked at a press conference how many Haitian refugees their proposals might open the door to, and said it was impossible to provide an estimate.

In addition to automatic entry for closer family members, they want more distant relatives — like cousins — to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

They say Ottawa has shown some signs of flexibility, but needs to do far more.

"We're glad that the government has announced there is going to be an acceleration of family reunification files," said Janet Dench of the Canadian Council for Refugees.

"However, the feeling strongly is that the measures that have been announced to date are quite inadequate to the event."

As it stands, spouses, children under 22 years old, parents, grandparents and orphaned minors qualify for family reunification.

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Sailors arrive

- An all-but-demolished fishing village on the north shore of Haiti's southern peninsula finally saw signs that help was on the way yesterday as Canadian sailors landed on a garbage-strewn beach to lay the foundations of a sustained relief effort.

Harper tinkers with cabinet positions

Prime Minister Stephen Harper called it "fine-tuning the ministry," perhaps because "recalibrate" was already taken.

Three weeks after he shut down Parliament to give his minority government an extended winter break to "recalibrate" its agenda, Harper performed a minor make-over on his cabinet yesterday that left most major portfolios untouched.

"This is the cabinet that will lead us through the second and final phase of our economic action plan," Harper declared.

The cabinet changes, which touch on 13 portfolios, were headlined by a Conservative government pitch to wrestle down the staggering deficits that sprang seemingly from nowhere after the October 2008 election and threaten to march indefinitely into the future.

38 At 38 members, including Stephen Harper, the Conservative executive is close to the all-time high of 40 appointed by Brian Mulroney in 1984.

Stockwell Day, the former flamboyant Canadian Alliance leader who has mellowed into a yeoman cabinet performer for Harper, was moved out of International Trade to the Treasury Board, where he has a mandate to keep a tight lid on public spending.

"It will be essential for the government to restrain the growth of spending," said Harper. "The president of the Treasury Board plays a critical role in overseeing government expenditures."

Day, asked about his future cabinet vocabulary, deadpanned: "I think you'll hear two words: No and no."

Senior economic portfolios, including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Industry Minister Tony Clement, Infrastructure and Transport Minister John Baird, and Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, remained unchanged.

Also untouched were Defence, Environment, Foreign Affairs, Heritage, Indian Affairs and Justice.

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News in brief

EDMONTON An infant will remain on life support in an Edmonton hospital until the courts can decide how to deal with a request from his parents for more time to assess his health. Doctors at the Stollery Children's Hospital were planning to unplug three-month-old Isaiah James May from the ventilator, saying he will never function in a meaningful way.

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Group wants Nexopia investigated by feds

PRIVACY Canada's privacy commissioner should investigate how a youth-oriented social networking site uses the personal information of its members, an Ottawa-based consumer-advocacy group said yesterday.

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre has filed a complaint with Jennifer Stoddart about Nexopia's alleged "unnecessary and non-consensual use and disclosure of personal information."

Nexopia boasts that it has more than 1.4-million users, most of them living in Western Canada, and has become "the place to be for teens looking to express themselves to the world." It hosts user profiles, blogs and forums and has attracted controversy for giving teens a venue to talk about risque topics like drugs and sex.

Police have said that sexual predators have used Nexopia to search for young victims.

The Edmonton-based website should be forced to adjust how it deals with the personal information of users, who are as young as 13, said John Lawford, lawyer for the advocacy centre.

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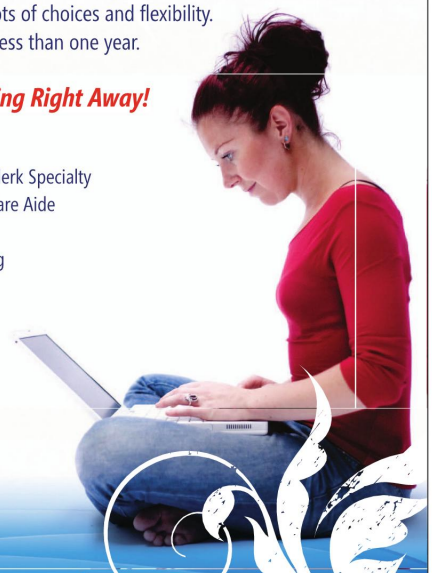

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Insurance company cancels coverage after rash of fire claims

An insurance company says it's cancelling hundreds of clients' coverage in Cape Breton and northern New Brunswick because the number of fire-related claims is soaring. Co-operators General Insurance Company said yesterday that the company has paid out $13.3 million in fire losses for the two areas in the last seven months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary **Auch takes torch for a skate**

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Former Olympic speedskater Susan Auch skates around the Olympic Oval, site of the 1988 Calgary Olympic speed skating event, with the Vancouver 2010 Olympic flame in Calgary, yesterday. Auch won a bronze medal at the 1988 Olympics in the 3,000-metre relay event.

Informant had asked for $15M, court hears

Key witness testifies at Toronto 18 trial

An RCMP informant central to disrupting a plot to bomb several targets in Ontario initially requested $15 million in compensation from the Mounties, court heard yesterday.

Shaher Elsohemy was in his second week of testimony at the trial of his former friend Shareef Abdelhaleem, who has pleaded not guilty to participating in a terrorist group and intending to detonate bombs. The explosions were to occur outside the Toronto Stock Exchange, at CSIS offices in Toronto and at an Ontario military base in what's known as the Toronto 18 terror plot.

The ringleader Zakaria Amara, 24, was handed the stiffest sentence Monday under Canada's terrorism laws — life — though he can seek parole in 2016.

Abdelhaleem's lawyer William Naylor has said both publicly and in court that the compensation for Elsohemy's work to infiltrate the plot and for putting him under witness protection was $4.1 million, but documents Naylor showed in court yesterday revealed Elsohemy was offered up to $3.99 million.

But when Elsohemy first discussed money with the RCMP in April 2006 — he had been meeting with CSIS agents before becoming a paid RCMP agent — he asked for $15 million, but was told that amount was too high.

"That was my highest level I started negotiating with," Elsohemy acknowledged yesterday under cross-examination from Naylor.

"It was more what they asked me to go through ... The cost of relocation and the suffering that myself and my family has to go through."

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News in brief

MANITOBA Flood-weary residents along the Red River may just get a break from Mother Nature this spring. U.S. weather forecasters say the flood-prone areas in North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba are in better shape than last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatchewan NDP volunteer charged in forgery

REGINA Charges have been laid after the RCMP investigated the questionable sale of 1,100 Saskatchewan NDP memberships during the 2009 leadership campaign.

RCMP say Ernest Morin has been charged with forgery, uttering and attempting to utter forged documents.

Police launched an investigation in June after concerns were raised about the validity of party memberships sold on two reserves in the Meadow Lake area.

A report commissioned by the NDP into the scandal said an unidentified volunteer with Dwain Lingenfelter's campaign team filled out membership forms and signed them for people without their knowledge.

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Family members visit the casket of Sgt. John Faught in the back of a waiting hearse during his repatriation ceremony in Trenton, Ont., yesterday.

Latest soldier killed in Afghanistan returns

AFGHANISTAN The flag-draped casket of the latest Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan arrived at CFB Trenton yesterday to his bereaved family and an emotional display from the Governor General.

Sgt. John Faught was killed by a roadside bomb Saturday in the Panjwaii district of Kandahar province. The 44-year-old from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was a member of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton.

Yesterday, Faught's casket was carried from a military transport to a waiting hearse by a guard of honour as dignitaries and family members looked on.

Among the dignitaries was Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, who offered a hug to Sgt. Kevin Lincez, the escort officer accompanying Faught's casket for the journey home. The Governor General reached up and stood on her toes as she offered Lincez a warm embrace.

139 Sgt. John Faught was the 139th Canadian soldier to die during the Afghan mission.

Faught's troops affectionately called him "Toast" because of his crusty character.

More than a thousand soldiers saluted Sunday as the sun set over Kandahar Airfield and pallbearers slowly carried Faught's casket to an awaiting transport plane for his final trip back to Canada.

Colleagues praised Faught as a no-nonsense soldier who wanted to help the people of Afghanistan.

His death came in the third lethal strike against Canadian troops in as many weeks.

Faught was on his third deployment to Afghanistan and had planned to serve two more years before retiring from the military.

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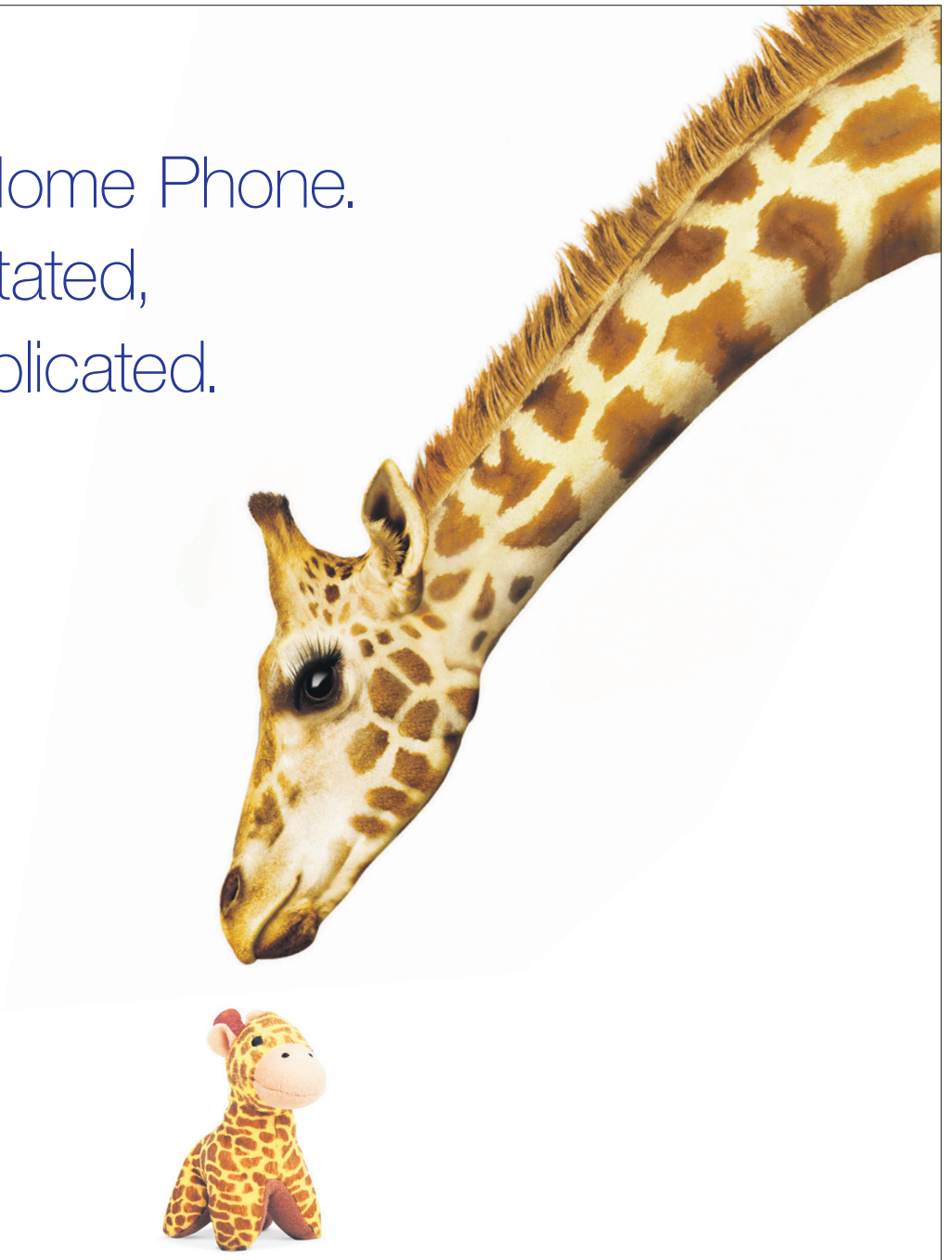

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Comment

Fewer jewels, more forethought

TheWestView

Rush Limbaugh is an appalling person. In the wake of the Haiti earthquake, he responded to U.S. President Barack Obama's plea for donations by advising his radio audience not to respond: "We've already donated. It's called the U.S. income tax."

When it comes down to the angels versus Rush Limbaugh, you always want to be on the side of the angels. But you also have to wonder about the angels.

With the best of intentions, the angels (including all the minor deities: Celebrities, the media, well-meaning politicos and, above all, Bono) are contributing to disaster fatigue.

Case in point: Did you watch the Golden Globes Sunday? A parade of (literally) overexposed starlets took to the stage, each wearing a ribbon to express solidarity with the people of Haiti, along with hundreds of thousands of dollars in gowns, jewels and boob jobs, each solemnly encouraging me to give, apparently unaware of the unattractive juxtaposition.

Point 2. In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, various celebrity journalists wandered around the devastation that was once Port-Au-Prince, poking cameras into the faces of dazed survivors, lamenting the devastation. Not one hair out of place. I kept waiting for one of them to put the damn mike down, roll up designer sleeves, and get to work. Or at least give someone a drink of water.

I'm not done yet: This Friday, various superstars will get together and stage a good old-fashioned telethon, thanks to the noble efforts of George Clooney. More jewels and gowns for disaster. Right after the show, you'll be able to download the tunes, with all the proceeds going to Haiti. Please ignore the subtle undercurrent of exploitation.

Meanwhile, rescue forces haven't even tallied up all the dead, while they have to cope with aftershocks, looters, disease and unimaginable deprivation.

I'm not sure how much of this is helping and how much of it is marketing. Haven't we learned anything about nature's capacity to kick the poor of the world in the teeth, and can't we get there with food, water and rescue faster? Why does it always seem that the governments of the world have been taken by surprise, and it's up to you and me to bail them out? Isn't it time to change the script?

I realize Haiti needs to be rebuilt from the ground up, but I wonder if we could do with fewer gowns and jewels and more forethought and effective response.

And if that makes me more like Rush Limbaugh and less like Bono, I guess I'll have to live with it.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: Today is the one-year anniversary of Barack Obama's inauguration. Has Obama met your expectations as president of the U.S.?

Katelynn Fraser
Calgary

A: I think he has potential to bring the United States out of the economic meltdown, so I think he has lived up to expectations.

Nyanyow James
Calgary

A: Yes, he has been helping out. He took a lot of holidays but he is doing a good job so far. He came in at a bad time, so hopefully things get easier for him.

Mark Nordstrom
Edmonton

A: I was anticipating him to institute the changes he promised, but he hasn't quite lived up to all of them yet.

Brittany Barnett
Halifax

A: I would say people are happy with him, but we're still kind of waiting for the big changes to occur.

Ryan Nairn
Ottawa

A: No, not really. He's done what every other president has done. I think there is someone bigger than him that tells him what to do.

Hind Omer
Toronto

A: That's not fair ... He's only been president for one year. Bush was there for eight years ... I think he's done the best he can in one year ... You can't expect miracles.

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Judge orders publications to pay Polanski
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World

UN adds backup

Haiti Crisis

The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously approved 3,500 extra troops and police officers to beef up security in Haiti and ensure that desperately needed aid gets to earthquake victims as the world body defended itself against criticism that millions still don't have food or water.

A week after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said the UN food agency distributed rations for nearly 200,000 people. It is a small percentage of the three million to 3.5 million the UN says have been affected. Ban said the UN goal is to increase the number of people receiving food to one million this week and at least two million in the following two weeks.

"The situation is overwhelming," Ban told reporters. But he said "initial difficulties and bottlenecks" in delivering relief items are being overcome and UN relief operations "are gearing up quickly."

He cited a new system at the airport giving priority to humanitarian flights, the opening of five new land corridors to deliver aid and U.S.-led efforts to open port facilities possibly sometime next week. In addition, badly damaged hospitals are starting to function, water supplies are increasing, and more tents and temporary shelters are arriving, he said.

The resolution adopted by the Security Council yesterday will add 2,000 troops to the 7,000 military peacekeepers already in Haiti and 1,500 police to the 2,100-strong international police force. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orphans heading to Netherlands

- A charter plane heading to Haiti to pick up 109 children being adopted by Dutch families will reach Port-au-Prince today, the Dutch government said, as an adoption expert warned against hastily plucking children out of the quake-shattered nation. The Foreign Ministry said the children were being gathered in an orphanage and will be bussed to the city's airport for medical checks before the plane lands.

Russia **Rally for slain journalist**

MISHA JAPARIDZE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Demonstrators carry a portrait of killed journalist Anastasia Baburova, right, during a protest in Moscow yesterday. More than 500 activists rallied in memory of a human-rights lawyer and a journalist slain a year ago, and several dozen of them were detained by police.

A 13-hour ride for web access

CHINA They arrive at this gritty desert crossroad weary from a 13-hour train ride but determined. The promised land lies just across the railway station plaza: A large sign that says "Easy Connection Internet Cafe."

The visitors are Internet refugees from China's western Xinjiang region, whose 20 million people been without links to the outside world since the government blocked virtually all online access, text messages and international phone calls after ethnic riots in July. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

MASSACHUSETTS In a major upset in liberal Massachusetts, Republican Scott Brown rode a wave of voter anger to defeat Democrat Martha Coakley in a U.S. Senate election yesterday that may leave President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul in doubt.

VIRGINIA A lone shooter killed eight people yesterday in central Virginia, and police had the suspect circled in the woods last night. The suspect at one point fired at a police helicopter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Manila **Fishing for a say**

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Protesters march for a rally outside a hotel at Manila's financial district of Makati city, the venue for the three-day Coral Triangle Initiative Business Summit yesterday in the Philippines. The protesters scored the summit for allegedly "ignoring the voices and interests of coastal communities."

Boost needed: BoC

Central bank signals interest rates to stay low

The global recovery is strengthening, but still needs a boost from massive "extraordinary" stimulus measures to sustain growth, the Bank of Canada said yesterday.

And the central bank also signalled once again it intends to keep interest rates at historic lows until at least mid-year despite growth returning to the Canadian economy.

"Economic growth in Canada resumed in the third quarter of 2009 and is expected to have picked up further in the fourth quarter," bank governor Mark Carney and his policy-making council said in an accompanying note.

"Nevertheless, considerable excess supply remains, and the bank judges that the economy was operating about 3.25 per cent below its production capacity in the fourth quarter of 2009."

The statement, which included a minor downgrade in projected growth for this year, suggests Canada will be taking a message to the G7 meeting of finance ministers and bank governors in early February that now is not the time for governments to exit stimulus strategies.

In the statement yesterday, the bank said it would do its part by keeping its trendsetting rate at 0.25 per cent until at least mid-year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Growth forecast

- As well, the bank tweaked its October economic growth forecast for this year a tenth of a point lower to 2.9 per cent. However, it said 2011 would be slightly better than it thought, with growth projected at 3.5 per cent. And a new report on leading indicators from Statistics Canada, released before the bank's announcement, offered more evidence that economic activity picked up last month.

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Cadbury accepts takeover, unions fret

DEAL After months of resistance, Cadbury's about-face to accept a sweetened $19.5 billion US takeover from Kraft Foods Inc. — forming the world's biggest candy company — has alarmed British unions, lawmakers and chocolate lovers.

With Cadbury shareholders expected to agree to the deal and a rival bid from The Hershey Co. looking less likely, opponents fear the U.S. multinational's impact on one of Britain's oldest and best-loved brands.

Just days after Cadbury declared its suitor a "low growth" company with a "long history of underperformance," the British maker of Dairy Milk chocolates and Dentyne gum capitulated to a raised bid of 840 pence ($13.78 US) per share.

The deal, comprising 500 pence cash and 0.1874 new Kraft shares for each Cadbury share, is a nine per cent premium to its previous 770 pence offer and 50 per cent higher than Cadbury's market value before Kraft, based in Northfield, Ill., went public with its approach in September.

Four Labour party lawmakers, whose electorates cover two key factories in Britain's manufacturing heartland, said in a joint statement they were worried "about the kind of future that Cadbury's would have as part of this giant multinational whose corporate priorities are decided a long way away from the West Midlands." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

History

- Cadbury's roots go back to the grocery store opened in 1824 by John Cadbury in Birmingham, central England. A Quaker, Cadbury believed cocoa and drinking chocolate were healthy alternatives to alcohol, considered to add to the miseries of the working class. The popular Dairy Milk bars were launched in 1905 as a challenge to dominant Swiss chocolate makers.

Gas station operators taking Suncor to court

GAS Suncor Energy Inc. faces a class action lawsuit from Ontario gas station operators whose franchise agreements were ended following the Calgary energy giant's merger with Petro-Canada last summer.

The suit was filed yesterday in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of 300 Sunoco gas station operators, with Richmond Hill, Ont., retailer TA&K Enterprises Inc. named as the plaintiff.

The suit is seeking damages of up to $200 million.

It follows Suncor's internal announcement last week of its intention to terminate the retailer franchise agreements of all 300 of its independent Sunoco retailers in Ontario.

As a condition for its union with Petro-Canada, the Competition Bureau required Suncor to sell 104 retail outlets, mostly in southern Ontario where the two companies had overlapping businesses.

The remaining Sunoco-branded stations are switching to the Petro-Canada banner. Suncor received the statement of claim late Monday, said company spokeswoman Sneh Seetal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In **brief**

TAKEOVER Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust has made a friendly takeover bid for Halifax-based Overland Realty Limited in an all-cash deal that values Overland at just under $71 million. In an announcement yesterday, Quebec's largest commercial property owner said it has offered 82 cents a share for Overland.

SPENDING Government and consumer spending will help drive most of Canada's economic growth this year, says the Conference Board's Canadian winter outlook. The think tank said yesterday the economic outlook looks much brighter today than a year ago, but while the economy will grow, job creation will not be high enough to make much of a dent in unemployment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Earthquake takes big toll on Haiti's football federation
Caribbean football officials say at least 30 members of Haiti's football federation have died in the country's earthquake. In a report to world governing body FIFA yesterday, the Caribbean Football Union said the dead included players, referees, coaches, and administrative and medical officials of the federation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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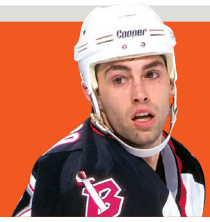

Peca retires after 13 seasons

Michael Peca is retiring from hockey. The 35-year-old announced yesterday that he's calling it quits after 13 seasons in the NHL. Peca spent last season with the Columbus Blue Jackets and was unsigned this year. Peca won gold with Team Canada at the 2002 Olympics and was part of two Stanley Cup finalists — the 1999 Buffalo Sabres and 2006 Edmonton Oilers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dealing from strength

Flames must trade one of their D-men to net a front-line scorer

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Calgary coach Brent Sutter looks on during the Flames' 9-1 loss to the Sharks on Monday.

There are two positives you can pull out of Monday's humiliating 9-1 loss that ranks as one of the most embarrassing in the history of the Calgary franchise.

The first is, we've all heard it before, how the Flames responded last season after a 6-1 loss to the same San Jose Sharks Nov. 13. Calgary won 21 of the next 30 games en route to almost winning the division.

It doesn't mean the hot streak will happen again, but there should be a rebound based on player pride alone.

"This team has absolutely no confidence in its ability to score goals."

The second is, if a humbling loss and a five-game losing streak doesn't convince the Sutters a personnel change is necessary, nothing will. Gentlemen, it's time to bring in a proven producer.

This team has absolutely no confidence in its ability to score goals. It's generating shots and chances, other than the 9-1 loss, but not enough to win games against the league's upper crust.

GM Darryl Sutter has made it his personal mission to go into the playoffs with at least eight NHL-proven defencemen. The Flames have one of the league's best top four defence units on paper and top eight in terms of depth. But it is now apparent he must deal from a position of presumed strength in order to shore up a glaring weakness — a scoring forward on the first line.

Calgary's top four defencemen make $20.8 million, the most in the NHL. Buffalo's top four make less than half that, Nashville's a little more than half.

The Flames must trade one of their top four and get a front-line centre or winger in return. Robyn Regehr's game has slowed considerably and teams are picking on him lately. But Dion Phaneuf is the one who must go. He's an absolute liability defensively, doesn't produce much offence and appears to be holding back the likes of Jay Bouwmeester, not to mention defence partner Regehr and prospect John Negrin on the farm.

What's sad is Jarome Iginla is slowing down as well. There's no jump in his game, no zip on his wrist shot, no offensive imagination. Could be the 14 games in 23 days is wearing him down. Could be he doesn't have a compatible linemate.

It's time to save the season fellas and make a deal.

The Hockey News thn.com

Sports in brief

MLB Two-time National League Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum is asking for a record $13 million US in salary arbitration, while the San Francisco Giants are offering their ace $8 million. If Lincecum and the Giants don't settle, an arbitration panel will hold a hearing next month and pick one of the salaries.

QMJHL Mikael Tam has left the hospital but it remains uncertain how long the Quebec Remparts defenceman will be out of action after a nasty hit to the head from Rouyn-Noranda Huskies centre Patrice Cormier. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sergio Garcia has some advice for his troubled colleague, Tiger Woods. Scan this code for the full story.

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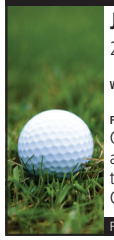

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McIvor and Duncan finish first

Ashleigh McIvor finished first in women's qualifying at the skicross World Cup yesterday while fellow Canadian David Duncan took top spot in the men's qualification. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Venues get final touchup

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Organizers of the 2010 Games are hurrying hard to ensure venues look and feel like Olympic sites and that issues — including humidity from the coats of sopping wet spectators — don't affect athletes' performances.

Jan Damnavits, VANOC's director of city venues, said the Richmond Olympic Oval and the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, home of long-track speedskating and curling, respectively, are in a three-to-four-week "fit out" stage of preparation.

Tents and fences are being put up and security perimeters are being established. The bright green and blue Vancouver 2010 graphics are being plastered on fences and buildings.

"We're on plan," Damnavits said yesterday during a tour of the two venues.

"The Games are coming on the 12th and the venues have to open. It's not an option to wait until the 13th."

The Richmond Olympic Oval, which will hold 7,600 spectators, will have 57 temporary tents, 23 trailers and 75 portable toilets.

More than 30 kilometres of cable is being installed for broadcast lighting.

Large white tents were also used to create a double-door to keep humidity in the Oval low.

Inside, the large river-facing windows have been plastered with green-and-blue images of speed skaters.

Mark Messer, the Oval's ice expert, said the ice-making process began about a week ago with the cleaning of the building and the gradual cooling of the concrete slab.

The first coat of ice was applied and the ice was painted with Vancouver 2010 and the Olympic motto: With Glowing Hearts.

The Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre, which will hold 5,600 spectators and will be the largest curling venue in the history of the Games, will use 26 tents to form a covered concourse for spectators.

"The outside environment can have a very positive or negative impact on the field of play," said Neil Houston, manager of curling during the Games.

"The major challenge at this point is that we haven't had 6,000 people and pouring rain to test it out fully."

Water evaporating because of body heat from the clothes of thousands of drenched fans could raise humidity in the building, he said. It could cause frost on the ice and could impact the way the stones respond.

GM Place, which will become Canada Hockey Place during the Games, will not begin its formal "fit-out" process until after Jan. 27, the date of the final Vancouver Canucks home game until March.

Damnavits said the process at GM Place will be very short and will have to be completed in a week and a half at the most.

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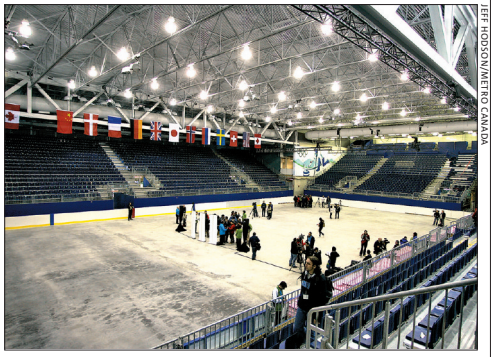
An icemaker sprays water on the long-track speedskating track at the Richmond Olympic Oval yesterday. The ice-making process began about a week ago.



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Olympic organizers lead a tour of the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Centre yesterday.

No loonies

- Venue managers for both the Oval and the Olympic Centre said there would be no loonies buried in the ice during the 2010 Games.

Superstar aerialist prepares for last shot at Olympic gold

QUEST Eight years ago, aerialist Steve Omischl had the physical tools to reach an Olympic podium but lacked the mental toughness. Four years later, Omischl was mentally strong but a serious foot injury curtailed his quest for an Olympic title.

Now 31 and facing his final Winter Games, the native of North Bay is of sound mind and body as he takes his final crack at the gold medal that has eluded him twice before.

Omischl is a superstar in his sport, with a resumé that includes four World Cup overall championships, five Canadian titles and 20 career World Cup victories. But it's a pair of less impressive showings that stand out the most — Omischl placed 11th in his first Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, then slipped to 20th at the 2006 Games in Turin, Italy.

Omischl has explanations for both performances, beginning with Salt Lake, where he admitted he didn't know what to expect as a 23-year-old making his first Games appearance.

"I was overwhelmed at how big and flashy everything was," Omischl says in a recent interview. "Instead of competing in places where nobody really cares, we have 20,000 people in the stands and there's all this media attention. As a young kid, I definitely got caught up in the expectation of it all, and I got away from remembering what got me there."

Omischl immediately began to focus on honing the mental aspects he lacked in Utah, and his efforts paid immediate dividends. He finished second in the overall standings in the 2002-03 season, then captured his first overall title the following year.

He suffered a plantar fasciitis injury in July 2005 and was forced to miss several months of training, and entered the Olympics completely out of his comfort zone.

Forced to make up for lost time, he attempted a jump with a high degree of difficulty in the Turin semi-final, but couldn't stick the landing and wound up missing the final.

He followed up the fiasco in Turin by winning three straight overall World Cup titles ('07-'09), capped by a dominant '08 performance that saw him win six out of nine World Cup events while failing to reach the podium just once.

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Steve Omischl competes at FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup on Jan. 15 in Park City, Utah.

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ACAD president to step down
Alberta College of Art and Design president Lance Carlson announced his resignation last Wednesday after serving as the head of the institution for six years. His surprise resignation comes into effect June 30. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Two professors among Haiti deaths

According to the Montreal Gazette, two Quebec professors are among the casualties of last week's earthquake in Haiti. Denis Bellavance, a Cégep de Drummondville computer science professor, was lecturing at a university in Port-au-Prince when the earthquake hit. Georges Anglade, a retired geography professor who helped set up the Université du Québec à Montréal, and his wife died in the quake when the house they were in collapsed on top of them. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Keeping you healthy at school

Working at School

Every Wednesday of January, Metro's Workology section will be featuring a variety of careers that you may not have thought of; jobs in which you stay in college or university after graduating. There are many jobs that make post-secondary institutions hum, here's but a few:

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

The health service you receive while in university or college can be some of the best in the city you're in, depending on your institution.

Enrolling in a university gives students access to a range of fitness and health experts the likes of which they'll never see again, with staff on hand to get you into shape and to deal with injuries if it goes badly.

Susan Yurincich, fitness centre manager at Brock University, points to the school's qualified instructors in spin class, kick boxing, ball workouts, aqua fitness, dance, fencing and Japanese swordsmanship.

"You also get a free orientation with a personal trainer," she says. "(Students) get their own fitness program created for them."

Brock, which has campuses in St. Catharine's and Hamilton, both in Ontario, has hundreds of varsity and intramural teams in sports such as soccer, volley ball, hockey, underwater hockey and dodge ball.

"Just having a Brock student card, they automatically get the use of our indoor track, all the gyms, our studios, the whirlpool, the pool, squash courts and outdoor tennis courts," Yurincich says. Most other post-secondary institutions work this way as well.

Joe Kenny, head of Brock's Athletic Therapy Clinic, oversees a staff including three full-time athletic therapists, three sports medicine doctors and an orthopedic surgeon to deal with any sports-related injuries, be they varsity or intramural.

University is a great time to get sick, too. In Halifax, nurse manager Jane Collins sees 60 to 70 students a day at Saint Mary's University's Student Health Centre. Complaints range from bad backs to sexually transmitted infections to mental-health issues.

"We have the best health service in the city," Collins says, with a team of practitioners led by five doctors swiftly tending to sick students. "If anybody comes by who has a sore throat or something urgent like a bladder infection, we always fit them in."

The centre does blood work onsite, saving students a trip to the hospital. It can also do minor surgeries like wart removal. The costs are included in the student health plan. That's great news for international students, who otherwise would face a hefty bill and a long wait with a trip to the emergency room.

The centre closes on the weekends, but it's not unusual for Collins to get a call on her cellphone from a student who needs the morning-after pill. She always makes sure they get what they need.

For mental health, they have psychiatrists and student counsellors to whom they refer students and psychologists are covered under the health plan.

"We have the best health service in the city."
Nurse manager Jane Collins of St. Mary's University

"We're very aware of mental health. This is the age of early psychosis," she explains. "If somebody comes in who's obviously in a psychotic episode, we send them to the early psychosis program or the psych nurse at the local hospital."

The centre also provides information on sexuality and sexual health, including daily tests for STIs.

"There's all kinds of pamphlets and educational material," Collins says.

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Construction launched for NBCC campus in Fredericton

Construction has started on the new Fredericton campus of the New Brunswick Community College. To be located at the University of New Brunswick, the $15 million facility will accommodate programs in health, business administration and information technology, among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Responsibilities can change on a dime

WorkplaceLaw

"Employers often assume incorrectly that they can change an employee's job as they see fit. Just as often, employees wrongly assume that their jobs cannot be changed without their consent."

This is the cautionary tale of an employee who incorrectly assumed their employers had no right to change the terms of their jobs.

Experiencing an enrolment crisis, Acadia University decided that it had no other choice but to remove oversight of enrolment and admissions from Paula Cook Mackinnon's job. Mackinnon, who had been employed by the university in a senior role for 19 years, disagreed.

Believing that the university could not remove an important aspect of her job without advance notice or consultation with her, Mackinnon penned a letter to the president stating that she viewed the changes as significant and tantamount to a demotion. She gave the university a few days to consider her concerns and provide a response.

When the university did not respond to Mackinnon's letter before her deadline, she shut off her BlackBerry, cleaned out her personal items from her office and swiftly left the premises, never to return.

The law of constructive dismissal provides that an employee can treat fundamental changes to her job as effectively amounting to a termination. And in Canadian workplace law, when you are terminated without a good reason, you are entitled to severance.

Justice Gregory Warner, who wrote the recent decision, correctly noted that the issue was not whether Mackinnon had "quit" her job, but whether she had a good enough reason to leave. However, it could not be said that Mackinnon's job was substantially different following the changes, as enrolment amounted to less than one quarter of her job. The university was entitled to reasonable leeway with changing business needs.

Similarly, in another recent case, Bank of Nova Scotia executive David Chapman resigned, claiming a reduction in his salary and the bank's failure to honour a promise amounted to his termination. Although Chapman's salary was reduced by 13 per cent, it was only the variable component of his pay, such as stock options, shares and bonuses that changed, not his base salary. Agreeing with the bank and dismissing Chapman's case, the court found that Chapman's pay could be reduced because he was always part of a variable compensation model and had remained in the applicable range for his position.

Employers often assume incorrectly that they can change an employee's job as they see fit. Just as often, employees wrongly assume that their jobs cannot be changed without their consent. As similar facts don't always lead to the same results, especially in workplace law, my advice is to consider a mutual resolution instead of court.

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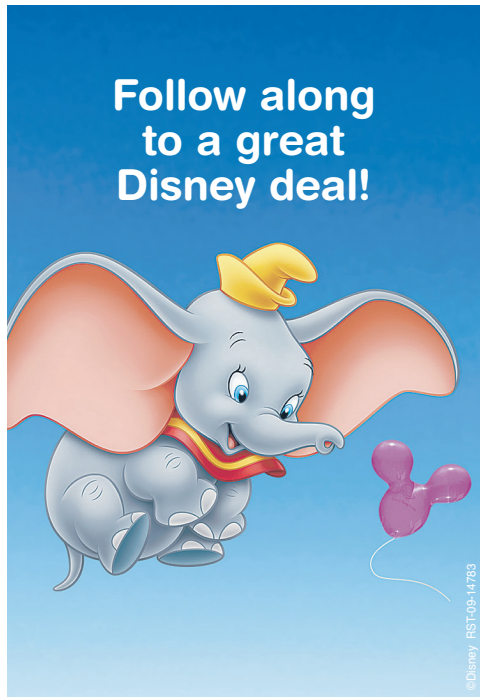

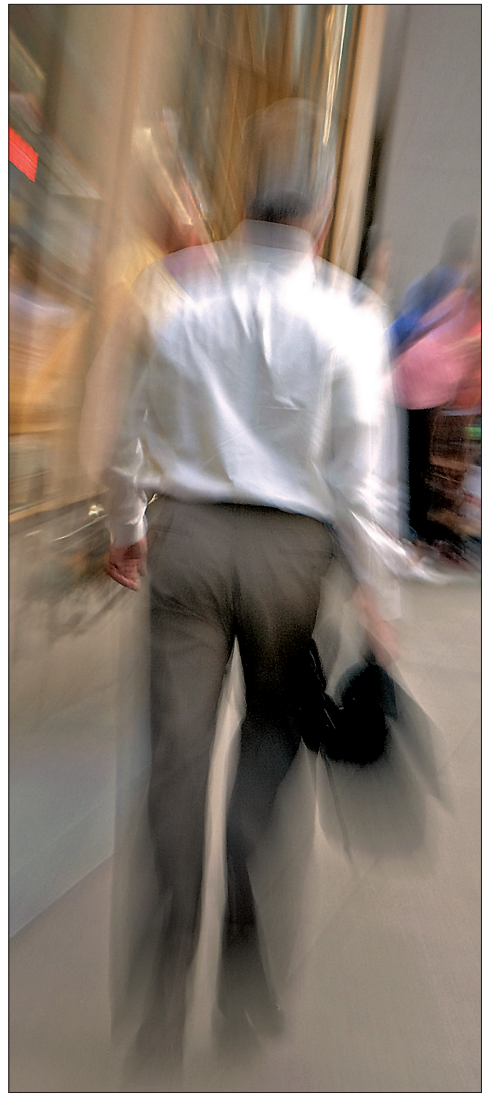

Walking away from a job isn't always the right course of action.

CBC PHOTO

Arlene Dickinson decided to follow her woman's intuition on tonight's Dragons' Den on CBC Television.

In business, sometimes it pays to be bold

Dragons'Den

"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."
–GOETHE, GERMAN NOVELIST AND POET

I went looking for a quote about being bold — because boldness is what stands out to me about tonight's edition of Dragons' Den.

One of the Dragons makes a sudden and dramatic move, offering an investment before the other dragons have finished asking all their questions of the entrepreneur in front of them. If you watch the program regularly, you know that these business moguls typically like to have a lot of information before putting any of their own money on the line.

But tonight, the sole female Dragon, Arlene Dickinson doesn't hesitate. "I'm going to make you a deal," she says to two pitchers from Ontario, mere minutes into the presentation.

Kevin is shocked. "Arlene, you spoke way too soon."

"There's a reason it's called women's intuition and not men's intuition," retorts Arlene. "I think this is exactly the kind of idea I want."

"There's a reason it's called women's intuition and not men's intuition. I think this is exactly the kind of idea I want."
Arlene Dickinson on tonight's Dragons' Den

Needless to say, Arlene's bold step changes the dynamics of the pitch completely. How fascinating it is to watch these multi-millionaires jostle for position!

Her move made me think about how in our working lives, it is sometimes critical to move decisively, and with confidence.

In my role as a news anchor at CBC News, I see how the programming chiefs have to make big decisions almost instantaneously, for example, to go into "special mode" for coverage of the Haiti earthquake. Hundreds of news staff across the country have to change whatever they're doing, on the spot, to undertake new activities.

But not only leaders have a chance to be bold. Anyone in an organization may realize there's a better way to do things, and make a suggestion that could improve the efficiency or productivity of a workplace. It's so easy to do nothing. But to step forward with some creative thoughts, you need to be bold.

It's the same with new career opportunities. The people who allow uncertainty or a lack of confidence to hold them back often get left in the dust, while someone who may not be any better qualified steps into an exciting new role — simply because they are more confident.

Boldness may not always have genius, power and magic in it — but passivity never does.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

Residual Value winners announced

The 2010 Canadian Residual Value Award winners have been announced by ALG, which publishes the Automotive Lease Guide for residual values and depreciation. The top place among mainstream brands was taken by Subaru while Infiniti took the highest honours among luxury brands. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive

Scion has arrived

The Scion brand has officially come to the Canadian market, with the full lineup making its debut at the Montreal International Auto Show last week through three highly customized, urban-aware models. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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GMC Terrain: Tough charm

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

The 2010 GMC Terrain swaggers into the cute-ute arena with bulging fenders, chunky stance and a don't-mess-with-me front grill.

Yes, GMC's take on the freshly-minted Chevrolet Equinox looks like it might eat your kids, but the ruggedly handsome Terrain is really more Rosedale than Rubicon, Which is a good thing. For its intended mission as a compact CUV to go up against such stalwarts as the Honda CR-V, Ford Escape and Toyota RAV4, this little Jimmy makes a pretty strong case.

The Ingersoll, Ont.-built Terrain starts at $27,465 for the base front-drive SLE-1 model with a 182 hp 2.4L four-cylinder. My tester was the top trim SLT-2 front-drive four-cylinder variant with a base price of $34,400.

All wheel drive adds $1355 to the upper trim levels (SLT-1 and SLT-2) or $1610 to the lower (SLE-1 and SLE-2). A 264 hp 3.0L V6 is available for $2050 in the three upper trim levels.

Like its bigger brother, the Lambda-platform GMC Acadia, the Terrain benefits from some fine dynamic tuning. The ride is compliant and refined, yet it also shows commendable poise on the B-road stuff. The variable assist rack-and-pinion steering feels good too.

The cabin design echoes the exterior with angular architecture featuring high quality materials and enough visual bling to keep things interesting. There's plenty of well thought out storage, including a closed compartment under the centre armrest large enough for a laptop computer, and two-tier storage in the doors.

Base Terrains come standard with 17-inch alloy wheels, OnStar, Driver Information Centre, auto-dim rearview mirror with back up camera display, block heater and Stabilitrak stability control.

The 2010 GMC Terrain combines a powerful, handsome look with refined ride and utility.

2010 GMC Terrain

Type: Crossover utility vehicle
Price: from $27,465
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder/3.0L V6
HP: 182/264

Highlights

- High-quality interior with plenty of storage
- Refined ride

The upper three trim levels get Bluetooth connectivity with voice recognition, premium Pioneer sound with subwoofer and XM radio. Key SLT-2 features include leather, exterior chrome trim, sunroof, programmable powered lift gate, and rear park assist.

General Motors is positioning the GMC Terrain a rung above the Chevy Equinox. As we're seeing with many new GM vehicles, this well-sorted little tyke comes across as very grown up indeed.

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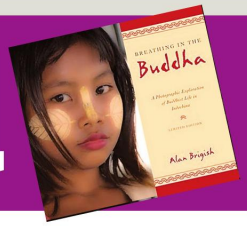

Breathing in the culture

Documentary photographer Alan Brigish has just released his second limited edition coffee table book, Breathing in the Buddha: A Photographic Exploration of Buddhist Life in Indochina ($50). The book's luminous images tell two parallel stories. The first explores the daily life of Buddhist people in three cities within Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, and then reflects the author's extensive travels throughout Burma and gives tips on where to see. The second story is the author's exploration of the Buddha's teachings and how they impact on people's lives. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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St. Lucia resort draped in romance

Valentine's Day is the perfect time of year to give that steamy spa getaway to your partner

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

No surprise that more couples today are stealing away from hectic, stressful daily life to spend "time-out" side-by-side at a spa.

What better way to renew the spark and energy of a romance than with a little private "us" time for hands-on therapy. With V-Day just around the corner, hotels and resorts are ramping up the romance by bringing out the big guns: Champagne, chocolate and roses.

One newly-upgraded resort on the lush island of St. Lucia has positioned itself to dish up romance year-round. The entire concept of Rendezvous, an all-inclusive, boutique resort and spa for couples only, has, in fact, been condensed into three little words and spelled out in its URL — theromanticholiday.com. Located on Malabar Beach about three kilometres from the capital city of Castries, the 17-year-old, 100-room resort re-opened in November following a $15 million US facelift and expansion that included the addition of a spa and gym.

Semi-private island offers quiet retreat

ANNE DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Rendezvous resort re-opened in November following a $15 million US renovation and facelift.

Romance is the name of the game here. In fact, the hotel could be considered quite openly suggestive as elements of their deco get right to the point. For instance, while some boutique hotels hold the green apple as their signature item, here it's the Anthurium — a rather phallic-looking plant. Then there's Rodin's Kissing Couple. Along with CD players and king-size, four poster beds, a replica of the embracing nudes statue is prominently displayed in each guest room.

An expansive open-air space encompassing bar, lounge and dining area all overlook pristine Malabar Beach. Le Rendezvous is the only hotel on this beach and the red flags you see planted in the white sugar sand does not signal dangerous waves but that another round of cocktails — or a freshly squeezed passion fruit from the juice bar — is being requested. An intimate finer dining restaurant is called Trysting Place.

It's a quiet, tranquil space — no blaring music, no loud holiday-camp type activities — nicely appointed and service-oriented. General manager Yhasmine Remy says two of the things that make Rendezvous special are "the atmosphere and the personalization of service."

Nearby, the Water Garden is a man-made river winding seductively around semi-private islands with water-waiter service and beds of plants and foliage sourced from around the island to attract birds.

One of the points of distinction at Le Rendezvous is its "departure lounge." Guests catching a late day flight can use Hospitality House which includes the gym, showers and change rooms.

Yasmine says one of her personal goals is to make the departure as special as the arrival. Part of that ritual is the Wishing Well — when couples leave, Remy explains they are encouraged to make a wish. "Hopefully," she says, "they wish to come back."

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Travel in brief

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CLAUDIO GARRIDO/FOR METRO CANADA

Surfing in Pichilemu offers options for all ages and experience.

Chile always in season

Variety of outdoor activities dominate tourism landscape

CLAUDIO GARRIDO
for Metro Canada

At just 175km wide but a massive 4,300-km long, the landscape of the world's southern-most country just begs to be experienced — surf, ski and sip all in the same season.

Surf in Pichilemu

Pichilemu boasts some of the biggest waves on the planet and is a magnet for surfers worldwide. Punta Lobos Beach is a great place to start as there are many surf schools where you can learn the basics (from $22 per day — equipment included).

When to go: December through February

Mountainbike in Chilean vineyards, Santa Cruz

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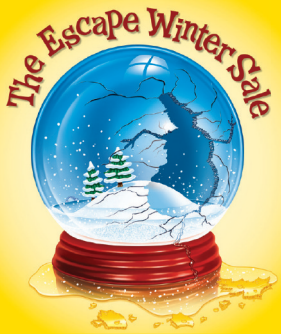
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Efron looking for a Hangover
Zac Efron wants to star in The Hangover sequel. He would love a role in the movie because he was such a fan of the first film, which was a worldwide box office smash. He said: "I haven't got that call yet to join them but that would be amazing." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

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Kim Kardashian says rumours of a supposed deal she made with boyfriend Reggie Bush to buy her an engagement ring if his New Orleans Saints win the Super Bowl are totally false. PEOPLE.COM

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Going to Extraordinary Measures

Film legend Harrison Ford looking to tell good stories

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Few actors have achieved the iconic status of Harrison Ford. The man who cracked Indiana Jones' whip and flew the Millenium Falcon is an idol for generations of movie lovers — and has made Hollywood lots of money.

When asked if he ever predicted his success, Ford humbly admits that it was hardly what he expected. "I thought if I was really lucky I'd get a regular part in a TV series. I had no ambition to be anything more than an employed actor," Ford says.

"I had no concept of the potential that I was lucky enough to achieve. I thought I was a character actor, not a leading man."

But despite all his success, the 67-year old Ford admits he is now less interested in finding high profile films to increase his star status than he is in finding roles that interest him as an actor.

"What I look for is something different from what I've done lately and a role that plays an important part in telling a story that I think would make a good movie," says Ford.

Extraordinary Measures opens in theatres on Friday

This search for material led Ford to produce Extraordinary Measures, the true story of John Crowley, a man who gave up a successful career to pursue a cure to the rare disease affecting his children.

Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford star in the new film Extraordinary Measures.

It was Ford who brought the material to the studio to turn it into a film. "I thought Crowley's story was a fantastic example of what courage, conviction, and passion can do to change your life," says Ford.

"I was looking for material to develop in which I would have a role to play. It seemed to me that the best ally for a character was story. So I thought that if I had a strong story I could find a strong character."

The project allowed Ford to create the role of the surely Dr. Robert Stonehill, who helps Crowley achieve his goal. Stonehill is not based on a real person, instead Ford created his character based on the research that he and his filmmaking partners uncovered.

"We didn't find anyone as maladjusted and difficult as my character, but we found the circumstances that might lead a man to feel that way. Often a college's football coach will make more than the entire science budget of some institutions," says Ford. The character plays to the actor's strengths, but he is quick to admit that he has no intention of producing films regularly. "I wouldn't do it unless there's a good part for myself. It's too much like a real job otherwise."

Of course, no matter what the actor has done lately, fans still want to see him return to his most famous roles. Ford admits there's a chance he will be donning Indy's fedora again.

"George Lucas is working on a new idea. If it bears fruit and Steven Spielberg and I both respond to it, I'd be happy to do it," says Ford. But for now, the actor is primarily focused on finding new and interesting characters to share with his audience, much as he always has: "I didn't become an actor to be rich an famous. I did it to tell stories and have a job that I liked."

Hawksley Workman Meats his match

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Titling a pair of albums Meat and Milk is a statement.

For Hawksley Workman, it signals a suite of aggressive, masculine songs that are balanced with a corresponding vulnerability.

For example, You Don't Just Want to Break Me is a "lucky moment" captured on record — an intense performance coaxed from Workman by his co-producer and studio engineer Stew Crookes. The pair was drinking beers in the studio, brainstorming how to approach the vocal delivery. Originally written in Tazmania, the track was conceived on a long walk home after a particularly aggressive Nick Cave concert.

"I wanted the song to be on par with (Nick Cave's) delivery. I never sing notes that high, so they are the result of me being a bit inebriated in the studio, and trying that. It does something to my voice — tightens it up a bit," he said.

Compared to its counterpart, Milk (which was produced in Stockholm by an "electro-pop guru"), Meat is a banging record that often recalls TV on the Radio or Justice. Workman said the album's sound was inspired in part by Crookes' hero David Friedman, who crafted the sound of neo-psychedelic groups like The Flaming Lips and Mercury Rev.

The goal was to apply Friedman's style to a "bombastic, belligerent sound," and the resulting mix of intensity and tenderness comes across in songs like Depress My Hangover, where gospel singers counterpoint gritty production. Workman grew up listening to Motown, and wanted the song, which tells a story of a couple living in a cheap downtown apartment "locked away from the self-importance of the outside world" and drinking away their days, to reflect that spiritual passion.

Perhaps the cleanest-sounding song on the record is opener Song for Sarah Jane. Recorded backstage at the Union Chapel, an old church in London, England, Workman wrote the song for his friend Sarah Jane.

Singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman has two new albums, Meat, which is now available, and a second Euro pop album called Milk, which will have a full release in April.

"I was sitting backstage there, and recorded that song there using a little handheld recorder," said Workman. "I played the song on a piano backstage, while the tech guys were loading a PA onto the stage — that's what you hear (in the background). I knew there was no way I'd be able to record it again like that, it was so honest, so I kept that version."

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Coke doc irks company

Coca-Cola Case links soft-drink giant to human rights abuses

It seems that a documentary critical of soft-drink giant Coca-Cola has left a bitter taste with the company.

The multinational corporation has told a university film network planning to screen The Coca-Cola Case in several cities that the movie contains inaccuracies and violates a confidentiality agreement.

The Montreal-based group, called Cinema Politica, says Coke lawyers sent it a letter earlier this month issuing veiled legal threats if it proceeds with plans to host screenings in Canada, the United States and abroad.

But the group's programmer, Ezra Winton, says they won't back down, noting their own legal counsel has said they are within their rights to show the film.

The Coca-Cola Case, co-produced by Argus Films of Montreal and the National Film Board of Canada, links Coca-Cola to human rights abuses and anti-union tactics in Colombia and Guatemala.

In the letter to Cinema Politica provided by the group, Faith Gay of New York law firm Quinn Emanuel says "the Coca-Cola Company reserves all of its rights and remedies with regard to any future showing of the film."

Winton said The Coca-Cola Case would begin its tour as planned Monday night at Montreal's Concordia University and continue through March. Other stops include Halifax, Fredericton, Toronto, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, Alta., Vancouver and Yellowknife.

"We talked to the NFB, the distributor and the filmmakers and everything seemed fine and we had some legal advice that we're in our rights to show the film, and so we're going ahead," Winton said from Montreal.

A spokeswoman for Coca-Cola said the company took issue with the film on several points.

"The unfounded allegations made in the documentary have been reviewed by multiple courts in Colombia and the United States, as well by the International Labor Organization, and outside law firms — all concluding that the Coca-Cola bottler employees in Colombia enjoy extensive, normal relations with multiple unions and are provided with safe working conditions there," Kerry Kerr said Monday in an email.

Winton said The Coca-Cola Case, directed by Carmen Garcia and German Gutierrez, screened without incident at the Montreal International Documentary Festival last November.

He added that Coca-Cola's legal objections are drawing more publicity to the group's planned screenings.

"The amount of traffic onto the Coca-Cola tour page on the Cinema Politica website is just massive . . . and the amount of activity on our Facebook group, the amount of emails, the amount of stuff online, blogs and elsewhere indicates to us that we're going to have a big turnout," Winton said.

"It's the most attention that we've ever got for any of the films that have screened throughout the network."

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Jury to decide suspect's fate in Letterman case

COURT A jury should get to decide whether a TV producer's dealings with David Letterman were attempted blackmail or just hard-nosed business, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon refused to throw out an attempted grand larceny charge against the producer, Robert "Joe" Halderman. The ruling puts the case on a path toward trial, which could bring testimony from the Late Show host about events in his private life that have been pushed into public view.

The case spurred Letterman to tell viewers in October that he had slept with women on his staff.

Prosecutors say Halderman demanded $2 million to keep quiet about the talk-show host's affairs. Halderman says he was just offering Letterman a chance to buy — and keep private — a thinly veiled screenplay about Letterman's life.

Whether Halderman's conduct amounted to commerce or crime "is a classic example of an issue that is best left for a trial jury to decide," Solomon wrote.

The 52-year-old Halderman, a producer for CBS' 48 Hours Mystery, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. A trial date could be set at his next court appearance March 9. Defence lawyer Gerald Shargel said he was "perfectly willing to put it in front of a trial jury." A Letterman lawyer has said the comedian would willingly testify.

Prosecutors say the financially strapped Halderman threatened to ruin Letterman's reputation with information he had gleaned from his then-girlfriend's diary. It described her relationship with Letterman, her boss, authorities said.

Letterman married longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko last March. They began dating in 1986 and have a six-year-old son.

In subsequent meetings with another Letterman lawyer, Halderman laid out his cover story of selling a screenplay — even insisting on drawing up a contract and getting paid by check in case of a tax audit, prosecutors said.

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China pulls Avatar 2-D version from theatres

FILM Chinese censors have ordered the 2-D version of Avatar pulled from screens across the country, apparently to reduce competition for the homegrown film industry.

The 3-D and IMAX versions of James Cameron's global hit will continue their run into February. But Saturday marks the end of the 2-D run of the science fiction epic, which also dramatizes the forced eviction of a people — a politically sensitive subject in China.

China Film Group, the state-run domestic distributor of the Hollywood blockbuster, has reportedly ordered the move after receiving instructions from China's censors. Repeated calls to the distributor's spokesman Tuesday went unanswered.

Reportedly, part of the reason is to reduce competition for China's homegrown films, like the state-backed biopic of Confucius, the ancient Chinese philosopher, which opens this Thursday.

There is also sensitivity to the movie's plot, which revolves around the forced evictions of the alien Na'vi race by humans — a story line that some have said draws unflattering comparisons to China's own, often brutal removal of millions of residents to make way for property developers.

Columnist Huang Hung penned a commentary in the official English-language China Daily, saying the film had struck a chord with Chinese viewers.

"All the forced removal of old neighbourhoods in China makes us the only earthlings today who can really feel the pain of the Na'vi," she wrote.

Avatar is already the biggest box-office success in China, pulling in more than $44 million US as of Jan 12. It quickly surpassed last year's 2012 and Transformers 3.

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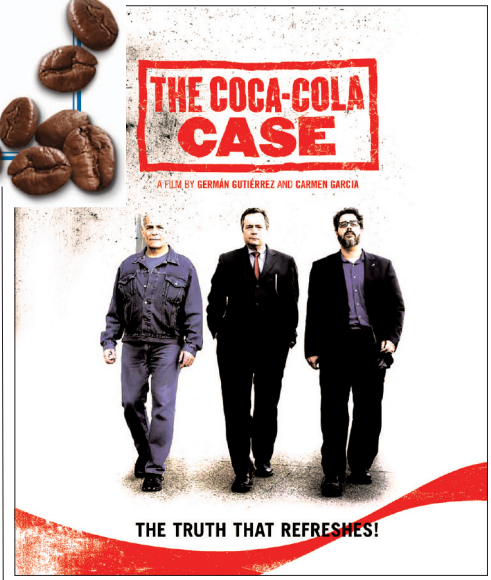

The Montreal-based group Cinema Politica, which produced the documentary The Coca-Cola Case, have recieved veiled legal threats regarding the screening of the film.

A tradition 'nevermore'?

A mysterious visitor who left roses and cognac at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe each year on the writer's birthday failed to show early Tuesday, breaking with a ritual that began more than 60 years ago.

"I'm confused, befuddled," said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum. "I don't know what's going on."

The tradition dates back to at least 1949, according to newspaper accounts from the era, Jerome said. Since then, an unidentified person has come every Jan. 19 to leave three roses and a half-bottle of cognac at Poe's grave in a church cemetery in Baltimore.

The event has become a pilgrimage for die-hard Poe fans, some of whom travel hundreds of miles. About three dozen stood huddled in blankets during the overnight cold Tuesday, peering through the churchyard's iron gates hoping to catch a glimpse of the figure known only as the 'Poe toaster.'

At 5:30 a.m., Jerome emerged from inside the church, where he and a select group of Poe enthusiasts keep watch over the graveyard, and announced to the crowd that the visitor never arrived. He allowed an Associated Press reporter inside the gates to view both of Poe's grave sites, the original one and a newer site where the body was moved in 1875.

There was no sign of roses or cognac at either tombstone. Jerome said the Poe toaster has always arrived before 5:30 a.m. There was still a chance the visit could occur later in the day, but Jerome said he doubted the person would risk a public unveiling by performing the task in daylight, when other visitors could be there.

"I'm very disappointed, to the point where I want to cry," said Cynthia Pelayo, 29, who had stood riveted to her prime viewing spot at the gate for about six hours. "I flew in from Chicago to see him. I'm just really sad. I hope that he's OK."

Pelayo and Poe fans from as far as Texas and Massachusetts had passed the overnight hours reading aloud from Poe's works, including the poem The Raven, with its haunting repetition of the phrase "nevermore."

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Leah Trindall, from Sydney, Australia, photographs a monument to Edgar Allen Poe Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

Musical women rule nominations

MUSIC AWARDS Women are dominating the nominations for Britain's leading music awards — the Brits. Quirky chanteuses Florence and the Machine, Pixie Lott, Lily Allen and Lady GaGa all have three nominations. Nominees in the international categories include Bruce Springsteen, Eminem, Jay-Z, Michael Buble and Shakira. Robbie Williams will receive an award for outstanding contribution to music at the Feb. 16 ceremony in London.

Leno late-night return is right move for network

TELEVISION NBC Universal chief executive Jeff Zucker says Jay Leno's return to late-night television is the right financial move.

NBC is ending its primetime The Jay Leno Show because of low ratings and affiliate station complaints.

An exit deal with Conan O'Brien is expected this week.

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Greased lightning

Grease actor Jeff Conaway, who was last seen trying to get sober in Celebrity Rehab, was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital on Monday with serious injuries after falling down a staircase at his home, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Barbie looks — and brain?

IF NOT ADDICTED, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? Under fire for the staggering number of cosmetic procedures she's recently undergone, Heidi Montag now says she isn't addicted to plastic surgery — she just wants to be as beautiful as she can be, inside and out, people.com reports.

Asked on Tuesday's Good Morning America for a response to those who say she is addicted, Montag, 23, replied, "I would say that none of those people know me at all, and that's just a judgment. I'm not addicted. If I were addicted, I would have had 10 plastic surgeries."

What she had, actually, was 10 procedures on the same day, back in November. This followed a previous surgery three years ago. In a recent interview with People, Montag admitted she was "beyond obsessed" with having work done.

Asked why she would want to look like a Barbie doll, Montag replied, "I think I look like myself. I think I just look like a different, improved version of myself."

Many observers are upset with the message that's sent to young girls when an already attractive 23-year-old chooses to undergo so many alterations. But Montag says it's her life — and in her line of work, alterations can be necessary.

"I'm in a different industry," she said, "and I have to do things that are going to make me happy at the end of the day."

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Another shining star for Haiti

HOLLYWOOD'S CAUSE CELEB? Golden Globe winner Sandra Bullock has turned anything but a Blind Side to the situation in Haiti — and has donated $1 million US in relief aid to the victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake, people.com reports.

Bullock's contribution matches those by George Clooney and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, reports Variety.

The trade paper also notes that Gisele Bündchen has pledged $1.5 million to Haiti, while Madonna says she has given $250,000

The gifts come as the star roster for Friday's multi-network Hope for Haiti telethon, organized and to be co-hosted by Clooney and Wyclef Jean, continues to expand.

Among those set to perform now include Christina Aguilera, Bono, Alicia Keys, Sting and Justin Timberlake. Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts have already been announced as answering the phones during the telethon.

The special will air live from Los Angeles and New York at 8 p.m. ET on MTV, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX, and BET among other networks.

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For only $1,500 a week you could help support this girl

AND HER SHOE COLLECTION Britney Spears has reportedly found a way around the spending restrictions placed on her by her father, according to TMZ.

Sources say the singer bought a pair of boots at a Steve Madden store in L.A. using a bodyguard's credit card.

When the clerk gave her a hard time about the name on the card, Spears reportedly insisted it was a corporate card.

According to the Web site, Spears' dad caps her credit card spending at $1,500 US a week.

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Her rocker gives her a rock

A DIAMOND, PEOPLE! NOT THE OTHER KIND OF ROCK Kate Moss' boyfriend, Jamie Hince, surprised her with quite the birthday present by meeting up with her in the Caribbean and popping the question, according to Hollyscoop.

"Kate was stunned," a source says. "Jamie called her up and told her not to come home. He said he was flying out to Mustique. He had carefully picked a ring and chose her birthday to propose. It was the first time they had been alone together in quite a while and it was extremely emotional."

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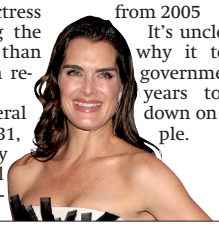
Brooke is on the IRS hook

FOR THE PRICE OF A BIRKIN BAG It appears Brooke Shields has a little something in common with Nicolas Cage — the actress is accused of stiffing the IRS out of more than $10,000 US, TMZ.com reports..

According to a federal tax lien filed on Dec. 31, 2009 — the same day Uncle Sam smacked Cage for $6 million — Shields and her husband Christopher Henchy owe $4391.70 in unpaid taxes from 2004 and $5932.50 from 2005



It's unclear as to why it took the government four years to clamp down on the couple.

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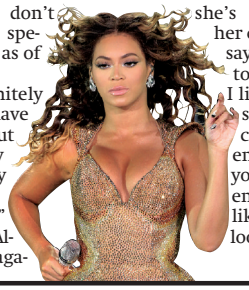
Babies love tour buses

AS WELL AS DIAMONDS, CASHMERE AND CRISTAL Beyonce Knowles admits she's looking forward to starting a family, but she and Jay-Z don't have any specific plans as of yet.

"I definitely want to have a child, but I know from my nephew it's a lot," she tells Allure magazine. "I hope that those things will just happen naturally. I still haven't had time to relax."



The singer also admits she's concerned for her curves. "I always say, 'I don't want to lose my curves.' I like firm curves," she says. "You can never do enough squats, you can never do enough sit-ups. I like for women to look feminine."

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CelebTweets

RICKY MARTIN is pitching in, **ELLEN DEGENERES** does in fact want to brag, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER** makes motivating sound threatening, and **KATY PERRY** is perplexed by rain in Los Angeles.

@ricky_martin on my way to #Haiti

@TheEllenShow I don't want to brag, but Keith Urban serenaded me today.

@schwarzenegger Maria and I are pumping up all the great kids volunteering at Van Nuys Middle School

@katyperry Do i shower or just stand outside for one minute?

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Baby Daddy?

STARS DON'T GO THROUGH MENOPAUSE, RIGHT? Madonna is reportedly looking to expand her family by having a child with Jesus Luz, her Brazilian male model boyfriend, according to the Sun.

"She knows that, at 51, it's going to be harder to conceive naturally," a source says. "But she is Olympic-athlete fit and is ready for the challenge."

And Luz is reportedly on board with the idea, having told Madonna he thinks having a child would be "his greatest adventure."

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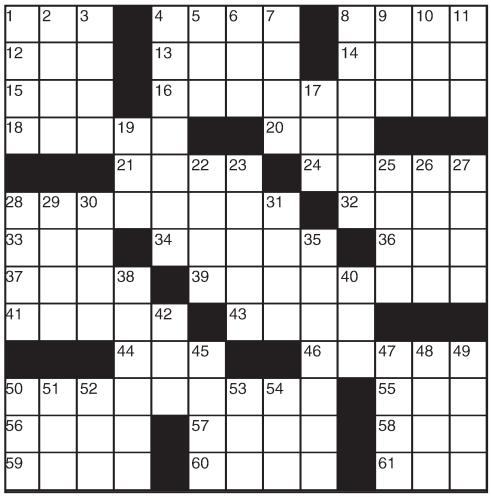

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

4		1		3	2			8
	7		6					4
	2		4				3	
2							4	
		5	1		3	9		
	3							6
	5				1		8	
8					4		2	
9			5	2		7		

ACROSS

1 Pretense
4 Sit for a snapshot
8 Sleeping
12 Also
13 Press
14 "Arrivederci"
15 Lummox
16 Triangular Halloween treat
18 Use tweezers
20 Witness
21 Brewery products
24 Despots
28 Measures of luminous intensity
32 Fat
33 Mimic
34 Novelist Ephron
36 Grazing area
37 Anthropologist Margaret
39 Openly
41 Added
43 Martial-arts school
44 Sprite
46 Expand a computer file
50 February 2nd
55 Before
56 Enthusiastic
57 Right on the map?
58 — Francisco
59 Took the bus
60 Fling
61 Potent stick

DOWN

1 Surmounting
2 Brat's stocking stuffer
3 Vegan's protein source
4 Intoxicated
5 "... man — mouse?"
6 Trinity member
7 Tackles' teammates
8 Way in
9 Resume, for short
10 Listener
11 Dress in
17 Nevertheless
19 Scoundrel
22 A util.
23 Dieter's entree
25 "— Lang Syne"
26 Fishing rod attachment
27 Remain
28 Arrived
29 Pinnacle
30 Spruced up
31 China (Pref.)
35 Tweaks
38 Coat with flour
40 Charged bit
42 Every last crumb
45 Poetic measures
47 Vivacity
48 Persia, now
49 Confined, with "up"
50 Gridlock component
51 Past
52 Affirmative action?
53 Long March leader
54 Foolish one

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	8	7	6	3	5	4	1	2
4	3	5	7	1	2	8	9	6
6	2	1	8	9	4	5	7	3
3	6	2	9	4	8	7	5	1
1	9	8	2	5	7	6	3	4
5	7	4	1	6	3	2	8	9
2	5	6	3	8	9	1	4	7
7	4	3	5	2	1	9	6	8
8	1	9	4	7	6	3	2	5

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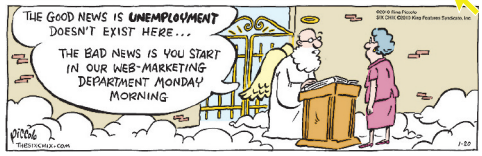

Metro Recipe of the Day

Golden Kebabs with Zesty Mayonnaise

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
2 tsp (10 mL) turmeric
2 garlic cloves, crushed
4 skinless boneless chicken breasts
3 nectarines, halved and pitted
12 baby peppers, halved
2 scallions, chopped
Grated zest of 1/2 lemon
6 3/4 tbsp (100 mL) mayonnaise
1/3 cup (75 mL) plain low-fat yogurt
lemon juice, to taste

METHOD:

1. Put olive oil in bowl. Add turmeric, garlic and seasoning. Cut each chicken breast into six chunks, then add to mixture and toss to coat. Set aside.
2. Preheat broiler to high. Cut each nectarine half into four wedges, for 24 pieces in total. Thread chicken, nectarines and peppers onto eight metal skewers, nestling wedges of nectarine inside pepper halves and alternating with chicken chunks. Put kebabs into large, shallow, ovenproof dish.
3. Broil kebabs 5 minutes per side. Chicken should be cooked through and peppers and edges of nectarines should be well browned, with charring in places.
4. In small bowl, mix scallions and lemon zest with mayonnaise and yogurt, and add lemon juice to taste. Serve dollops of dressing beside kebabs.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
As from today you will find it easier to get along with other people, both in your work environment and in your private life.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You cannot afford to get upset about things that require a practical rather than an emotional response.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may not have been looking or feeling your best of late but don't worry because within a matter of days you will be back on top of the world again.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks then you will have to tighten your belt considerably as from today.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will make some interesting new friends over the next few weeks while the Sun is moving through your opposite sign of Aquarius.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Get a grip on your working routine. Draw up a schedule and stick to it. It may be the last thing you want to do but wanting does not come into it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be adventurous, be courageous, and above all believe that you have what it takes to be the best at what you do.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Make allowances for people who are more emotional than you. Not everyone possesses your self-control.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Try not to see every encounter as a battle that must be won. You can easily turn enemies into allies and foes into friends, simply by talking to them.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
The Sun leaves your birth sign today but you don't have to leave the good times behind. In many ways your luck will improve over the next few weeks.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Even if your actual birthday is not for some days or weeks yet it will feel like your birthday over the next 24 hours, so by all means celebrate.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The most important thing now is that you make a mental effort to look on the bright side, even if what happens today is not entirely to your liking.

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1783: The Kingdom of Great Britain signs a peace treaty with France and Spain, officially ending hostilities in the Revolutionary War.
1885: L.A. Thompson patents the roller coaster.
1961: John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the youngest man, and first-ever Roman Catholic, to become elected President of the United States.

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